



# southern california dx club

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## HERB, KG6OK, SK

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Herb Rosenberg. A Past President of the SCDXC, a gentle soul, and a good friend.

May his family find comfort in his memory.

## Soap Box— Words from our President



As most of you know by now the club and ham radio in general lost one of the nicest people you could have ever meet. Herb Rosenberg, KG6OK became a silent key on 9-19-05. I was fortunate to be able to visit with Herb for a short time the Friday before he passed. It was a short visit but he looked great and had his usual sense of humor. Larry, K6YUI, Wayne, W6IRD

and I were able to bring him up to date on the sad state of DX these days and on the upcoming plans for Visalia and our first planning meeting.

In 2004 I had the pleasure of working very closely with Herb on the DX Convention and we spent many late nights working on the ads and text for the 2004 booklet. Herb worked tirelessly on the convention and if you were at the convention or heard about it you have Herb to thank for a big part of the success of the 2004 convention.

I know most of you appreciate the web page I have done for the 2002 and 2004 conventions. I know this because many of you have thanked me for the job I have done with it. What most of you don't know is that Herb was the man behind the convention web site in the first place. I was relatively new to the club and had been doing the club web site for only a short period when Herb suggested that we should have a site for the convention. This was quite a challenge for me since I would be doing a web page for something I had never been to knew little about. I was a little, okay a lot unsure about this but Herb simply said for me to "do what you want, it will be fine". I did, it was and people seem to like it more each year. All thanks to Herb, he will be missed greatly by all that knew him and on behalf of Linda, myself and the SCDXC I want to extend our deepest condolences to Karen, David, KB6GFT and the entire Rosenberg family.

On the liter side of things Linda and I had a great week of fishing in September. We stayed in a cabin at an old mine in the mountains outside

of Bishop, CA just about 2 miles below Lake Sabrina. The weather was great, mid 60's during the day and mid 30's at night, no wind or rain. The trout fishing was really good, with most of the ones I caught in the 8-12" range but one really nice 2lb'r to round out the week. This is the most restful week I have every year with no phones, TV, fax, computers, e-mail, papers, no nothing, just the company of a couple of friends, a deck of cards, a set of dominos and fishing lots of fishing.

As for the state of the club we are financially stable, thanks to Doc, K6OGO who is doing a fine job as treasurer. Our membership continues to grow thanks to Larry, K6YUI. This is not the case with most clubs and we are very fortunate to have had such great support and effort by the members to make this possible for the SCDXC. The club elections are coming in January, the elections are open to all and I want to encourage all of you to take a turn at a position on the board. Most of this year's board will be running for the same office or a higher office but we are in need of a Vice president. As of now we have no one running for that office so if you would be interested in running for VP or any office please contact Bubba, W6ZPL or myself.

Continuing the HELP WANTED theme we are also looking for a new newsletter editor. Harvey, K6EXO is looking to reduce his workload and retire so we have the position open. Harvey has done a superb job for more years than I have been a member and the club owes him a great big THANK YOU! for a job well done. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Visalia Update: The SCDXC board unanimously voted to ask Carl, WU6D to once again be the International DX Convention chair and he has agreed. Carl called the first planning meeting and we had a great turnout of 22 people including some of the SDDXC members who made the trek all the way up from San Diego. Now that is the volunteer spirit. Carl got the basics and most of the department heads lined out but we will still need some more volunteers so keep an eye on the newsletter and the web site for the next planning meeting and please join us.

Speaking of the convention we have a new URL for the convention web site, [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org). This should be easy for everyone to remember and if you don't it's okay as we have it linked from the main SCDXC site.



# Bubba Sez

Hello to all. Our annual September Boat Anchor Auction has come and gone. Let me start by thanking Skip, KJ6Y, our most able auctioneer. He is legendary squeezing the last dollar out of something that may or may not have any worth. His knowledge and humor makes the auction one of the highlight meetings of the year.

Now, lets move on to the bidding. I was lucky to sitting up front recording the buyers and prices, which gave me a good view of the bidding process. I was about 10 feet from Wayne, W6IRD. Wayne's wife, Sharon, K6IRD, is well know for her bidding and bidding antics. Wayne was bidding on some kind of meter and was minding his own business when he looked over his shoulder to see the other bidder.....YUP! Sharon was bidding against him. The look on Wayne's face.....PRICELESS! I was hysterical! Wayne walked over and banged his head on the door. I just lost it I was laughing so hard. Bubba has no more words for that occurrence.

That was not the only time that bidding war happened that night. Skip, being the professional he is, did not name any bidders, only act as auctioneer and keep the bidding going. I am sure the Wayne and Sharon show will go on next year, so make sure you are there to see it in person. I will have a video camera and hope to make Funniest Home Videos, at least in the top three.

Lastly, I am sure most of you have heard by now about Herb Rosenberg's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Karen and the entire Rosenberg family at this saddest of times.

See you at the October meeting.....Bubbas done.

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By this time you read this we should all be working our fill of K7C, Kure Island. SCDXC Members make up a third of the operators. Members on the team include, Arnie, N6HC; Charlie, W6KK; Franz, DJ9ZB and John, N7CQQ. I understand that they are under strict rules to not engage in idle chit chat or hello's to friends but if you recognize someone's voice or fist be sure to add the OP's name to you spot for the rest of us. As for me I see some sleepless nights on 40m & 75m until I get them in the log. I'm so close to 5BDXCC I can taste it.

73 DE Jim, N6DHz

## A Sweet and Healthy New Year 5766



## Next General Meeting

*The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held October 13, 2005 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot.*

*Please do not park in the school lot.*

**See ya there!**

*(Ed note: An email from David)*

Hey Harv,

Most of the pictures I have of my Dad (at least here at home) are of him with my daughter (his grand-daughter) Kristen. I've attached some of those for you.

As for a paragraph or two about my dad...

This is from an e-mail I sent to all my friends the day Dad died:

Most of you are also probably aware that my mom died on August 30, 2001. Losing both parents at such young ages is definitely hard but I know God's greater plan is at work so I do not question it. That being said, my biggest concern is that my daughter Kristen (who is 5 now) might grow up not remembering either of her paternal grandparents. We'll do everything we can to keep the memories alive, but it'll obviously be difficult. Your prayers to help keep these memories alive in Kristen are appreciated.

I know it is cliché, but I am definitely my father's son. Whereas my sister Sarah identified mostly with my mom, I was very close to my dad (although I obviously love them both). Whether it is the Ham Radio hobby or my career in the technology/computer industry, I very much feel as if I've tried to follow in my dad's footsteps. He taught me my hard work ethic and later in his life stressed to me how important it was to not let that work ethic get in the way of your family. My dad gave me the opportunities that made me the man I am today.

...and regarding his story from my point of view:

My dad was a great man. He taught me so much, I see myself (especially as a parent) becoming more and more like him each day. One of the things I am most grateful for is that before his death, my Dad finally got to live out his dream. Although his family was always his first love, his dream was to build the ultimate Ham station and he finally did (although it took quite a journey!).

When I was 8 years old we lived in New Jersey. I remember my Dad's first attempt at putting up a tower. He had the hole for the foundation dug

only to realize that he couldn't put the tower where he had originally planned (I forget why, I think he ran into something a few feet underground). So, a few weeks later we dug a hole on the other side of the house. Within a month, my dad had his first tower.

Unfortunately, within just a few short months, my Dad got the news from work that he was being transferred to California. The tower had to come down...

After moving to Irvine, CA my Dad again tried to build a tower. He ran into fierce opposition from the city and our neighbors. He literally spent hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars meeting with neighbors, going to city council meetings, and applying for permits. After a long wait, he finally got his tower built. This was just when I was getting my license (I got my General when I was 9 years old) and having a 55' tower in the backyard was obviously pretty neat for a 9-year old new Ham!

Unfortunately, we only had the tower up for less than a year when my parents divorced and the tower again came down. In the world of CC&R's within a few years he realized that he could no longer afford to store the tower and he had no hope of finding a place to put it back up. I specifically remember the day we sold that tower and the day we sold his coveted Henry Radio amplifier - those were hard days.

Over the next few years he would occasionally get back in and out of Ham Radio. We'd have Butter-nut verticals in the backyard and dipoles literally hanging out the windows. I don't think my dad ever thought that he'd have a tower again.

But thankfully, his dream did come true. The weeks and months that my dad spent erecting that last tower (actually, he had two!) were probably the best times of his life. Every time I'd come to visit he'd have a new antenna up. Over the last few years his shack grew from an office to a contesting dream station. Since he died I've seen hundreds of pictures that he took of his dream station and antennas. He literally got his dream.

Since my Dad's death, some of his friends have suggested that I take over the KG6OK call sign (I'm KB6GFT now). I can't think of a more fitting tribute to my Dad. Although I'll never be the SUPERHAM that my dad was, I'll be sure that KG6OK lives on.





Herb sure was a great guy and a fine ham. We first met him years ago when he lived in Irvine and ask for help in obtaining a good antenna ordinance.  
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# Herb, KG6OK Remembered

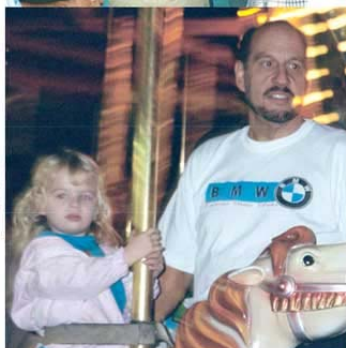


In 1998, Herb won a Kenwood 950SDX at the Visalia convention. No one deserved a win more than Herb, a gentle, polite, graceful man with a warm heart.

As president of the DX Club, he ran the meetings with style. When one of the meetings fell on Valentine's Day, Herb produced gifts for every XYL and YL in attendance. Herb and Karen were a wonderful pair: smart, funny and graceful. Herb will be missed.



...Harvey, W8DX



Sad news ...

Herb was one of those people who are quietly in the background doing the things that need to be done and not expecting more than a simple thank you, but his contribution to us all was simply wonderful.

I will always remember the set up of KG6OK as my first "multi-multi" experience back in 1997 and 1998. Herb and Karen's hospitality was beyond belief.

RIP my friend, you will be sorely missed ...

de Bill, W1HIJ/6



## Propagation October 2005

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or

lower

probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed.

A solar flux of 85, corresponding to a sunspot number of 27, and an

average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at

the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

5H Tanzania - 10/22 to 10/31 - Beam 46 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 10/27) 0310/1522

40: 0130-0300.

20: 2230-0100. Long path 1500-1630.

15: 1700-2130.

FR Reunion - 10/23 to 10/31 - Beam 24 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 10/27) 0142/1422

40: 0030-0200.

20: 2000-2300 and 1500-1700. Long path 1430-1600.

15: 1730-1930.

P2 Papua New Guinea - 10/23 to 11/6 - Beam 266 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 10/30) 1948/0804

80: 0930-1400.

40: 0730-1500.

20: Around 1530.

15: 2000-0100.

VK9X Christmas Island - 10/25 to 11/6 - Beam 290 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 10/31) 2230/1052

80: 1200-1400.

40: 1100-1400.

20: 1600-1830. Long path 2230-0100.

ZB2 Gibraltar - 10/27 to 11/3 - Beam 48 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 10/31) 0647/1723

80: 0300-0600.

40: 0130-0700.

15: 1700-1830.

A3 Tonga - 10/24 to 12/1 - Beam 234 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 11/12) - 1657/0549

80: 0700-1400.

40: 0530-1430.

20: 1630-1730 and around 0300.

15: 1730-0130.

10: 2030-2330.

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## POSITION OPEN

The cycles of time continue. There is a time for all things. Now is the time for me to look to other things to fill my days. Yep folks. It is time for me to step down as your editor. It has been great to serve the club in this way and I appreciate all the nice things to have said about the New-Look Newsletter.

How would you like to be the editor of the SCDXC Newsletter? The Pay is excellent and you can work from home at your own pace. Typing skills are not needed.

Drop Jim a note and express your interest.

73 es 88

Harv, K6EXO





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# In the editors Mailbox

## Andy, EU7SA sent along these photos

They have their Hamvention in the woods. Maybe we could do this for Visalia some year. DX in Sequoia?



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## TRIVA for your next PARTY — The Universe de URBAN

Analyses of a new high-resolution map of microwave light emitted only 380,000 years after the Big Bang appear to define our universe more precisely than ever before. Specifically:

- The universe is 13.7 billion years old (accurate to 1 percent).
- Composed of 73 percent dark energy, 23 percent cold dark matter, and...
- ...only 4 percent atoms!!! (The stuff we can see.)
- Is currently expanding at the rate of 71 km/sec/Mpc (accurate to 5 percent).
- Underwent episodes of rapid expansion called inflation.
- Will expand forever!

WMAP of the Universe: <http://antwpr.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap050925.html>

## HURRICANE KATRINA & HAM RADIO - WHEN THE OLD TRUMPS THE NEW de URBAN

With terrestrial communications largely destroyed and both wireless and wireline telephone systems out of service, emergency responders along the Gulf Coast often turned to ham radio operators and their "antiquated" technology to transmit health and welfare traffic into and out of the disaster zone. Writing in Electronic Design, David Maliniak, AD2A, reminds readers that "there are times when old isn't necessarily bad; in fact, sometimes old works when new doesn't."

<http://www.elecdesign.com/Articles/Index.cfm?AD=1&ArticleID=11136>

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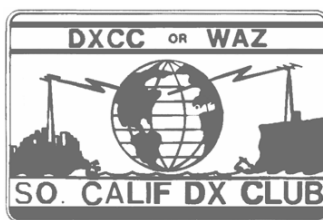
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